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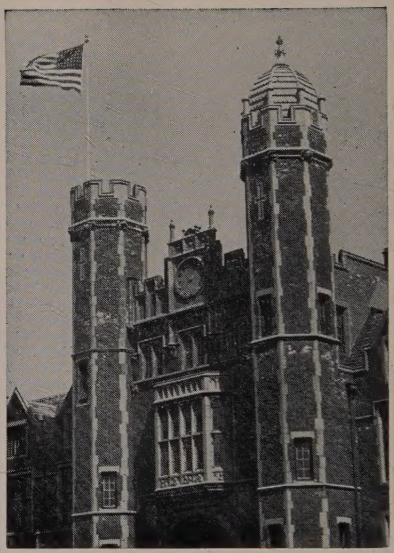

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This Lutheran layman has taught at Harvard and Columbia. He holds a key post in the ecumenical movement. He's a

Lay Theologian

by RICHARD L. PETERMAN

IN THE SPRING of 1953 a young German Lutheran layman—who had earned a doctorate in theology—arrived in the United States, to "get acquainted with this fabulous country and learn the English language."

Rapidly, he found his way around the States and became acquainted with many persons, one a prominent Chicago business man who was so impressed with the young man's abilities that he offered him a job at $1,000 a month—a fantastic sum of money to a new arrival in America.

He was amazed. He pondered. An prayed.

Finally, he gave the businessman answer: "If by October 15, I do not anything to do in the theological —where I really prefer to use my ta as a layman—I will accept your o

In the interim, Dr. Donald He then executive secretary of the Nat

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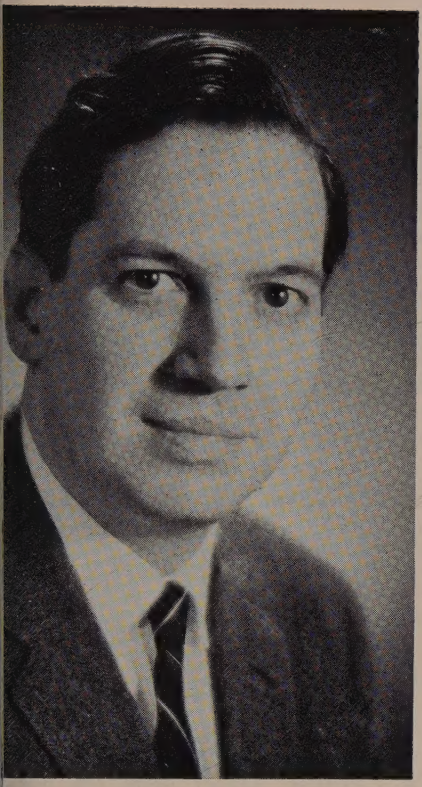


Walter W. Leibrecht

neran Council's Division of College University Work, heard about the ear-old lay theologian and decided to t him. It didn't take Dr. Heiges long ake up his mind that this man should sing his talents in Lutheran Student k.

, on the evening of October 14, he d Dr. Walter W. Leibrecht to be ious counselor for foreign students at mbia University and New York Uni- ty. And only then did he learn of Leibrecht's pending October 15 dead-

Thus began the American career of the Lutheran layman who has served since 1958 as the first director of the Evanston Institute for Ecumenical Studies.

Dr. Walter W. Leibrecht, even though he earned a doctorate in theology from Heidelberg University, Germany, was never ordained! The German practice is to ordain a man to the ministry when he becomes the pastor in charge of a congregation. Since Mr. Leibrecht merely served as a vicar in a parish, he was never ordained. However, the church in Germany does confer, along with the conferring of a doctor's degree in theology, certain rights and privileges upon the individual.

These rights include preaching and teaching the Word of God. And Dr. Leibrecht does quite a bit of that.

The Evanston Institute for Ecumenical Studies is the second of its kind in the world and the first in North America; its predecessor is the Ecumenical Institute of Bossey, Switzerland, formed after the first meeting of the World Council of Churches.

The Evanston Institute grew out of the Evanston Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1954.

Leibrecht has a sharp focus on his mission, declaring, "We do not promote a super-church or a super-structure of some kind, rather we seek the unity we have as followers of Christ within the diversity of our denominational traditions.

"Unity does not necessarily mean uniformity.

"Our purpose must be thought of in terms of the ecumenical movement. In so doing, we turn back to the Greek origin of the word, ecumenical, which means both *together* and *world-wide*. Conse-

First headquarters for the Evanston Institute for Ecumenical Studies at 1558 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, as sketched by Dr. Leibrecht.

quently, it is the best word to indicate the true nature of the one Church of Christ.

"Hence we endeavor to bring the Christian faith and life together. Efforts are directed toward layman and clergyman, but especially towards laymen, encouraging them to put their Christian faith into action in and through their professions and vocations."

To accomplish this, the typical and logical German mind of Leibrecht has set the institute's program into three categories.

In an excited and German-accented voice he will—with little encouragement—talk at length about his well formulated ideas.

The first takes the form of conferences, primarily geared for laymen. One such conference, for example, was entitled, *"Religion and Ethics in Business Decisions."*

Businessmen attended this confere listened to lectures, asked questions discussed the whole matter. The re A Christian impact upon the busi world.

While an assistant professor of th ogy at Harvard Divinity School ('5 '58) Leibrecht was instrumental in ganizing and conducting similar ferences at Harvard.

Among the many conferences Lutheran layman has directed are: *Christian Press Academy,"* especially journalists who faced the question, " Necessity of Dealing with Controve Issues;" for Christian philosophers, *Significance of the Christian Faith our Concept of the World."*

The second phase of Leibrecht's is a research center.

"Conceivably," he explains, "a men gather at the institute in Evan to do research on a specific issue in w

e church has a particular interest.

"At the present moment, two well own theologians are doing just that.

"One is Bishop Anders Nygren, of veden, who is spending a year doing re- urch on the relationship of philosophy theology.

"The other person is Canon Theodore Wedel, former Canon of the College Preachers in Washington, D. C., who doing research on the mission of the urch."

Keenly interested in the church's re- ionship to the world of the 20th cen- y, Leibrecht hopes to engage, next, a ysicist who is an expert in genetics to rk for a year or two doing research nuclear fallout, relating the findings the Christian faith.

Soberly, this young man who experi- ced the bombs of one war, says, "The urch must consider these questions m the viewpoint of the Christian faith d, then, relate the whole matter to her ople."

Leibrecht calls his third emphasis at anston "a dream."

He envisions a school comprised of duate students who would be writing sertations on the relationship of the ristian faith to the world and its cur- t day problems. When such a school omes a reality, it will be in coopera- n with a university.

Every evening Dr. Walter W. Leibrecht st shift gears from the scholarly, ological world to the world of every nily man, brought about by the fact t he is the father of four children, ong them a set of twins, Bettina and omas, aged 4.

The two youngest are Christopher, d 2, and Mark, aged 6 months.

Mrs. Leibrecht is the former Lydia andstette, who—as a Barnard student from the manufacturing city of Stuttgart, Germany—was tremendously impressed by a course "The History of Christian Thought," at Columbia University.

She was so impressed, in fact, that she married the professor, Dr. Leibrecht, who was then teaching at Columbia.

With a boyish, and self-conscious, smile the dark haired lay leader observes, "We had to come to the United States to meet each other even though we grew up only 30 miles apart in Germany."

Since those days at Columbia, where the Leibrechts first met and where his services were first used by the Lutheran Church, Leibrecht's services have been varied.

During the summer of 1954 he assisted the National Lutheran Council in making the necessary arrangements and accommodations for the many (over 100) Lutherans from all parts of the world, who traveled to Evanston for the WCC Assembly.

Dr. Stewart Hermann, director of the Committee on Latin America for the Lutheran World Federation, sent him to Mexico for a 3-month period in 1955, to serve the Lutheran congregations there.

While a member of the Harvard faculty, Leibrecht lectured in India, and traveled extensively in several countries of the Far and Middle East, as well as Africa. The major purpose of the trip was to become thoroughly acquainted with the new situation of Christian missions in these countries.

As a result of that trip, he is working on a manuscript for a book—his third—dealing with the tasks and problems of Christian missions.

Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, president of the United Lutheran Church in America, appointed him as a ULCA representative

to the Fifth World Order Study Conference. He has, also, been named a member of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, an organization founded in 1880 for persons interested in this field.

One of Leibrecht's hobbies is sketching. He sketches almost anything— persons, houses, buses, landscapes. And, naturally, he's an avid reader, reading most of the current novels to keep abreast with 20th century literature.

At the same time, he continues to dig into the oldest and newest of the theological writings, which keep him on his toes theologically.

"As a layman in the field of theology," he comments, "I must be alert to the modern world, to the developments in the church, to the theology of the Christian faith and to the needs of the pe of the world.

"Further, I believe a layman can most effective in this position, beca he can make a unique appeal to laym encouraging them to let their faith sh forth in their daily lives, where they a

Only the future will reveal the imp this youthful, talented and dedica United Lutheran Church layman make upon the ecumenical movemen this generation.

Undoubtedly, it will be noteworthy

In an ecumenical study of the Scriptures we find the most hopeful means towards a fuller realization of the unity in Christ and towards a deeper understanding of our faith as found in and behind our confessional statements. On this basis also the questions of inter-communion and the nature of the Sacraments can be brought out of the present deadlock. For our Lutheran churches, it is a congenial and timely task to participate and initiate such ecumenical studies— on the highest theological, as well as on the parish level.

—*from* The Theses of the Third Assembly, II. The Unity of the Church in Christ, 6, *Lutheran World Federation.*

THE SWAN, symbol of Martin Luther, been a part of new world tradition si 1743, when Dutch Lutheranism brought to the Guianas. Displayed h on the Lutheran Chapel at Triun British Guiana, the swan is said to h originated with the words of John H burned at the stake at Constance, C many in 1416; "Today you are burn a goose, but 100 years hence will a a swan, whose influence you will ne be able to stop." In 1517 Luther na his 95 Theses to the church door Wittenberg.

VIEWS from Headquarters

by J. H. OETGEN

The ULCM Convention and You

From August 1 through 3 about 500 en from throughout the United States d Canada will be meeting at Wagner utheran College, Staten Island, New ork, to deal with some important issues. As a backdrop to these significant atters, the men will hear devotions ven by the president of the church, Dr. anklin Clark Fry, and the banquet ad- ess by Andrew W. Cordier, executive sistant to the secretary general of the nited Nations. Additional prominent rsons on the program will include Dr. illiam H. Lazareth, William Muehl and r. George W. Forell.

"Frontiers of Churchmanship" will be ore than a convention theme. It will allenge those attending to accept re- onsibility as church men in the affairs the world and the local community. will prepare us to return home more termined to live our Christian faith.

Some of the questions we will face are: o we have the courage to care about e problems of social justice? What is e role of the Christian layman in the airs of the world today? Will we be lling to stand for our Christian con- ctions even when we must stand alone? What about Christian witnessing? Does e modern layman with assembly line schedules have a responsibility to talk to people about Christ? If so, where, why?

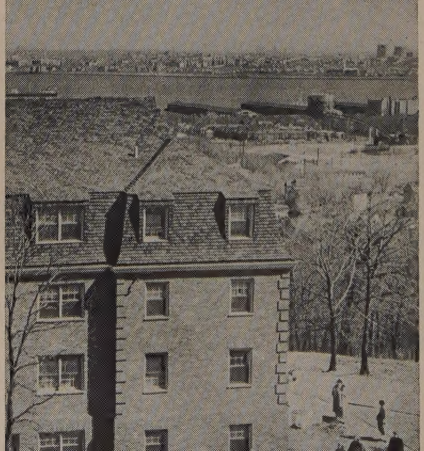
Another question concerns God as a partner in life-at-work, in the home during conversations over the back fence with the neighbor, and other activities.

Have we been concerned about the inactive members? (used the King's Men Crusade) in our congregation. Are we encouraging the men to take part in the congregational evangelism program?

Our Scouting Department will ask us if we are giving our support to organizing or supporting scout work in our congregations. Are we keeping in contact with the service personnel from our congregation? Would we want our local congregation to keep contact with us if we were away in military service?

The biggest challenge facing the convention will be to continue and to accelerate our program of men's work between now and the merger of the Lutheran Church in America. It will be our responsibility to rally the total manpower of the United Lutheran Church in America into this new church. The new Lutheran Church in America means greater opportunity for greater service. We must not fail to rally our total manpower behind it.

Wagner is Waiting



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Convention on

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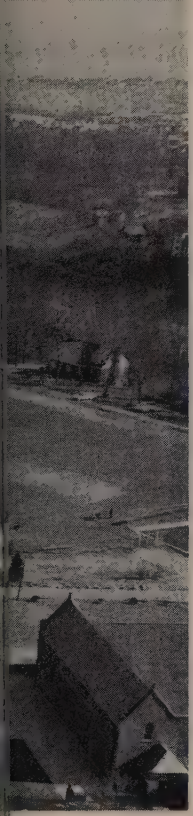

WAGNER LUTHERAN COLLEGE, Staten Island, N.Y. is the site of the 23rd biennial convention of United Lutheran Church Men, official men's auxiliary of the United Lutheran Church in America.

Wagner, one of the largest of ULCA colleges, was established at Rochester, N.Y. in 1883. It was moved to Staten Island in 1918, currently has some 1800 students enrolled in regular, evening and summer sessions.

Hundreds of ULCM members and their families will make the convention trip to Staten Island for the important August 1-3 meetings. Staten Island?

Staten Island is the Borough of Richmond, one of five boroughs in the City of New York. It is separated from the island of Manhattan, center of the city's government and its major, well-known activity, by a five-mile expanse

op: Wagner's 72-acre mpus looks out to the lantic Ocean. Auditor- m is located in Main ll (center) in vicinity newly - constructed rmann Library (left) d Sutter Gymnasium ght). Left and right: vo of the college dor- tories.

Another of Wagner's dormitories on Grymes Hill.

of water—the New York Bay—and from Brooklyn by the two-mile stretch of water known as The Narrows.

Its only connection with the rest of the city is by ferries, although a long-sought bridge over The Narrows to Brooklyn has now been started and may be completed within four years. Probably the best-known ferry ride in the world is the 20-25 minute trip from Staten Island to Manhattan—and it still costs a nickel!

Actually, Staten Island is much closer to New Jersey than to the rest of New York City. It is separated from New Jersey by a narrow body of water, the Arthur Kill. Three bridges connect the Island to New Jersey.

Staten Island comprises an area of 64.4 square miles and is about 14 miles long. It boasts the highest spot in the city, Todt Hill, which is 409.8 feet above sea level and also is the highest point on the North Atlantic seaboard.

The Wagner College campus Grymes Hill is regarded as the sec highest such point. From it the eye c mands a breathtaking view sweep from the Manhattan skyline, down ac the harbor, Brooklyn and Coney Isl to the sea and parts of the Jersey co

The Island is the least populous o New York's boroughs. It lists about 2 000 inhabitants—half of these make the labor force, with more than hal those working employed off the Isl Most of these commute to Manha by ferry every day.

About ten percent of Staten Isla residents are members of 84 Protes churches. Twelve are Lutheran churc —four of these belong to the ULCA.

Wagner and Staten Island have tended the welcome mat to United L eran Church Men—see you there!

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH MEN

Proposed Budget for General Operations

TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE 23RD BIENNIAL CONVENTION AUGUST 1-3

RECEIPTS	1960 Budget	1960 Actual	1961 Budget	1961* Adjusted	1962** Proposed
Membership Contributions	$52,000	$32,861.66	$60,000	$36,000	$38,500
ULCA Appropriation	3,000	3,000.00	—	—	—
Merchandise & Supplies	2,500	2,594.16	2,500	2,500	2,500
Others	500	723.20	500	500	—
From Reserves	—	2,917.92	—	6,000	—
From Honorary Life Fund	—	1,900.00	—	—	—
	$58,000	$43,996.94	$63,000	$45,000	$41,000
DISBURSEMENTS					
Salaries	$25,000	$18,184.90	$28,000	$17,000	$17,500
Employee Benefits	1,500	1,620.62	1,500	1,700	1,750
Merchandise & Supplies	2,000	2,938.68	3,500	2,700	2,000
Office Supplies & Stationery and Printed forms	2,500	893.50	2,500	1,500	1,500
Postage & Wrapping	2,500	2,865.82	2,500	2,500	2,400
Telephone & Telegraph	500	580.68	500	500	500
Traveling Exp.—Staff	4,000	2,387.66	4,000	3,000	3,000
—Administrative Com.	500	285.39	500	300	150
—Executive Com.	3,000	3,157.92	3,000	3,000	2,500
—Synod Rep.	500	970.84	500	1,000	800
—Others	1,000	642.90	1,000	700	1,500
Office Maintenance	3,000	3,000.00	3,000	2,600	2,400
Dept. Exp.—Scouting	1,500	610.85	1,000	600	500
Com. Expense	1,000	469.06	1,500	1,000	500
Synod Officers Conf.	1,000	—	—	—	—
ULCM Convention	1,000	292,05	1,000	1,000	500
LCMA & UCM	2,600	575.00	3,600	2,100	575
ULCA Convention Exp.	500	391.36	—	—	—
Auditing, Treas. Bkp.	1,000	825.00	1,000	500	200
Insurance	400	177.15	400	300	300
Capital Exp.	500	98.27	500	200	—
Church House Printing, Mailing lists etc.	2,000	2,742.19	3,000	2,000	1.750
Contingencies	500	287.10	500	500	675
1960 Total Budget	$58,000				
1960 Total Disbursements		$43,996.94			
1961 Total Budget			$63,000		
1961 Total Adjustment				$45,000	
1962 Proposed					$41,000

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MAN TO MAN

by **LAWRENCE M. REESE**

Tribute to a Father

WHAT A WONDERFUL FATHER our Lord must have had! The church through the ages has paid lavish tribute to Mary, his beloved mother. And the tribute may be deserved. But there is plenty of evidence that Joseph played a highly significant role in the life of Christ. Without any feeling of unkindness in their direction, I have a feeling that the clergy in the early church would have paid more tribute to Joseph had they not been celibate! True, the Roman Church has canonized Joseph. You'll find his saint's day in its liturgical calendar. But Joseph deserves more credit than he ever gets.

Notice how Jesus characterized God: "My Father" and "Our Father." Obviously he had a fine relationship with his earthly father, a fact that must have made it easy to regard God as his heavenly Father. Although we know little about Joseph, we can see how his influence must have helped Jesus in preparing for and carrying out his mission. I picture Joseph as a man of conviction, strength and sensitivity, a man of faith and consecration. With these qualities plus virtues of Mary, Jesus must have joyed the privileges of a family of character and integrity.

Many incidents in Jesus' life refl the influence of a devout family. teachings in the Sermon on the Mou his joy in visiting other families, his tre ment of children, his healing ministry all bear tribute to his estimate of moth father and family life.

If Fathers Knew

As fathers (and grandfathers, to we may not realize that the relations we establish with our sons and daught extends far beyond the human le Many authorities insist that the relati ship of father and child plays a vital r in the relationship which God establis with the child. What a privilege it is be a father if the child's first image God is an image which is patterned least to a degree after the child's fath On the negative side, what a stumbl block we fathers are if our relations

th our children is perfunctory or un-
tisfactory.

Even an unmarried man, St. Paul, ap-
eciated the importance of the right
mily relationship. What's more, he gives
a clue as to our conduct as fathers.
e are to assume our role as fathers and
cept responsibilities as the head of the
use. But we are to be the head of a
use ruled by love, not law. In short,
are to be men of conviction, con-
tency and a hearty capacity for look-
; out for the welfare of our wife and
ildren.

It is easy to get our role as father con-
ed. With economic and social de-
nds crowding in upon us, to say noth-
; of the demands of work and leisure,
relationships of a father and his chil-
n are sometimes almost impossible to
velop. And it isn't just a matter of how
ch time a father spends with his chil-
n. Rather, the important thing is the
ality of the relationship which is es-
lished. Here again the Bible helps clear
confusion. A devout father recognizes
t he is a sinner and in need of God's
ce. He may "sin boldly" but he does
in an attempt to do God's will in all
eriences of life. As he experiences
giveness, he develops the capacity to
give. As he dedicates himself to his
st important role in life, he deepens
l intensifies similar dedication on the
t of his children.

Children recognize very quickly
ether their father is a man of integrity,
ice, love and forgiveness. What is
re, they crave relationship with an
thly father with these qualities.

This is the season when commercial
rests have sentimentalized a day set
le for fathers. Fathers are recognized
good Joes, hard-working economic
essities, pals to their kids, loveable
blunderers, and all-too-strict keepers of the purse and the family car.

We don't observe Father's Day in our home. This is an annual request of one father who feels that the role of a father is a high privilege in its own right and needs no sentimental one-day binge to detract from its significance!

Man to man, if you are interested in being a more effective father, why not spend some time on the life and teachings of Christ. I am sure you, too, will feel that Jesus must have had a wonderful father. In turn, Jesus as our Lord provides the inspiration and potential for us to assume the father's role which he intends shall be ours.

PROTESTANTS and Roman Catholics in Cologne, Germany have joined in a campaign against illegal abortions. It is reported that every third birth in Cologne is a miscarriage, and that 75 percent of these miscarriages are the result of illegal abortions. Here, a young couple studies a campaign poster showing a symbolic embryo and carrying the words: "Will you murder me?"

In the Chancel

by HOWARD A. KUHNLE

Did you ever wonder what the pastor thinks about? This is one answer.

WHAT DO MINISTERS think about as they are in front of the congregation?

This is a question that I often pondered before ordination. Now after some years of service in the ministry, I should like to write of what one pastor does.

To be sure, there is plenty of opportunity for the minister's thoughts to wander during the hymns, even though he may be singing; during the parts of the liturgy, even though he may be saying or singing them, and especially during the anthems, solos, and musical portions of the service. It is hard to see how this can be helped, and probably your minister is thinking, oftentimes—even as the members—about his dinner, his engagements for the week, and his family life. Of course, during the prayers and sermon there is little opportunity for his thoughts to wander because these require concentration of the highest order and if his thoughts were to wander at all, what he is saying might even become jumbled or incoherent.

On the other hand, everybody heard some minister make mistakes, e in such a simple thing as the benedicti Once the president of our seminary the chancel of the chapel without e saying the benediction, evidently hav forgotten it completely.

Especially I often wondered before dination, what ministers did as t stood or knelt at the altar before t sermon. Did they really pray, as ought to assume, or did they merely st or kneel there as a matter of form? A all, they do follow the same routine every service, and it could become a l low rite.

For myself, I try to pray at this p in the service and not merely kneel the altar. My prayers have fallen, in course of the years, into a brief y

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The Rev. Howard A. Kuhnle, a contr tor to various Lutheran publications, pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church, B hamton, N. Y.

ɔe sincere routine.

First, I pray for the congregation and people, because I am trying to bring Word of God to these people. They the people whom, we Christians be-'e, the Lord Christ has committed to charge, and I ought to pray for them. Secondly, I pray for myself, trying to three words constantly — *sincerity, ɔngth,* and *service.*

t seems to me that a pastor must ask sincerity in his work because it is of utmost importance. We have forms our worship services, but we must al-ys go behind and beyond the forms to substance.

A pastor cannot depend upon his own ɔngth alone, but he needs strength m Christ if he is to do his work ɔperly. In our age, people are inclined heir self-conceit to feel that they can anything alone, but even the best acher cannot do much by himself—needs strength from Christ.

The minister needs to remember that is not serving himself in his work. e is liable to exalt himself because of temptations and dangers of the work, the minister is to serve both God l his fellow-men. Such service alone vell-pleasing to Jesus Christ.

n the third place, I pray for my ıily. I trust that this is not merely a ish prayer, but I am thinking of the ıily—my family—as a sacred, per-al relationship in life.

particularly claim for myself that ing the communion I try to concen-e on what is being done, although it ɔossible to have one's thoughts wan-, because the service is so familiar. ecially during the distribution of the nents of the communion, I try to ık of the needs, as I know them, of individuals who are kneeling at the altar rail. Then I try to pray for those people in their needs.

There is always, also, a feeling of real humility, because the thought often flashes through my mind, "Here am I, a weak human being, saying words for the Lord Jesus Christ! Do I really know what I am saying, and do I really mean these things?" Or again, I breathe the brief prayer, "Dear God, help me to minister to these thy people for thee."

Indeed, it is a high responsibility and privilege for the minister to be in the chancel in front of the congregation and ultimately at the feet of our Christ and an instrument of his hand!

Book Review

UNDER ORDERS: THE CHURCHES AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS by Roswell P. Barnes. Doubleday and Company: New York, 1961. $2.95, paper $1.00.

Dr. Barnes, who is executive secretary of the World Council of Churches, makes a strong plea for the church's participation in public affairs, insisting that no aspect of the life of society is beyond the rule of God, and therefore not beyond the concern of the church.

He writes of the pastoral concerns of the clergy and laity, of the church's relationship with secular organizations and other faiths, as well as of the church's role in international affairs and areas of major social problems.

Well-written and reflecting a sound evangelical viewpoint, the book is so organized as to provide an excellent source for use as the basis of discussion at meetings of church organizations.

—Alfred J. Krahmer, Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pa.

NEWS of Men and their Activities

IN WASHINGTON, D.C., the Rev. Robert O. Whitehead (right) of Fayetteville, Pa., is greeted by Bert Tollefson, Jr., general chairman of the Lutheran Service Commission's 10th anniversary observance, as Dr. V. T. Jordahl, second from left, chats with Dr. Carl F. Yaeger, associate secretary of LSC. Dr. Jordahl, director of service to military personnel of the ALC, gave the principal address at the anniversary program. Pastor Whitehead participated as a former serviceman who was brought into the Lutheran Church through the service center program and eventually into the ULCA ministry. He now is pastor of the Fayetteville Lutheran Parish.

York Conference of Central Penn vania ULCM held its spring meeting cently and elected Donald Bush presid Plans were made for a retreat to be l in July.

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Hartwick Conference, NY & Synod ULCM, had a business mee and dinner at Bethany, Central Bri on May 20. Installed by the Rev. Ol Sands, new officers are: Dr. Burton Wilcke, president; Harley Kling, president; Harold H. MacMullen, se tary; Leland Hokerk, treasurer.

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A recent Sunday magazine issue The Atlanta (Ga.) Journal and Con tution carried a feature article about *Protestant Radio and Television Cen* Inc. of Atlanta. ULCM was instrume a few years ago in securing ULCA ticipation with several other Protes bodies in sponsoring this unique Cen Carl Degen, former director of "M the Press" and a member of Redeem Atlanta, is a director at the Center.

DR. AMOS J. TRAVER, professor emeritus of Hamma Divinity School, Springfield, Ohio, and a past editor of Lutheran Men, participated in April in one of Ohio ULCM's five Mission for Men programs. The sessions, attended by more than 400 men from 75 congregations, were designed to help men be more effective Christian witnesses. Don Scott of Holy Trinity, Mansfield, served as general chairman. In photo are: Paul Newman, devotions chairman at the Auburn meeting; Dr. Traver; Jack Oetgen, ULCM executive secretary who was principal speaker on the subject "What Expressway Are You Following?"; Ken Helwagen, St. Mark's, Fairborn, chairman of the area mission and past president of ULCMO.

The Rev. Maynard C. Hallock, ULCM executive committee member and pastor of Trinity, Pottsville, Pa., received the honorary D.D. degree from Muhlenberg College at spring commencement festivities.

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Saturday, July 8, was scheduled as the initial meeting date of the Joint Planning Group for *Lutheran Church Men* of the Lutheran Church in America. Convened by Carl Jacobson, executive director of Augustana Lutheran Churchmen, and Jack Oetgen, executive secretary of ULCM, the session takes place at 10:00 a.m. in the ULCA's Lutheran Church House, 37th Street and Madison Avenue, New York City.

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Professor Alfred M. Hull of Thiel College and the Rev. Theodore J. Pretzoff of the ALC were leaders at the 11th annual *Retreat for Laymen* at Thiel. Retreat gave special treatment to problems of economics and organized labor, and the Christian's part in these issues.

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Annual convention of *Illinois Synod ULCM,* scheduled for September 23 at Rogers Park Church, Chicago, Pastor Ernest Ewald, will have Dr. Robert J. Marshall, professor at Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary, as banquet speaker. Chairman for this event is Ted Susnig. Clifford Cavanagh is synodical ULCM president.

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The United Lutheran Church Foundation has received a $10,000 gift in memory of *Charles H. Esser,* prominent Lutheran laymen who died in 1959. The gift was presented to the church by Mr. Esser's widow Ruth and members of the immediate family. Its proceeds will go

DR. CARL A. HANSON, dean of the faculty at Cornell University, has been elected president of Gettysburg College to succeed Lt. Gen. Willard S. Paul who resigned because of his health after serving for five years. Dr. Hanson, at Cornell since 1948, is an expert in labor and industrial community relations. He is a member of the New York State Board of Mediation and of the executive committee, National Lutheran Council Division of College and University Work.

Wagner College has also elected a new president, Dr. Arthur O. Davidson, vice president of Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, who succeeds Dr. Richard Heindel who resigned to become president of Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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to Muhlenberg College, Mr. Esser's alma mater. According to Chester A. Myrom, ULCF director, this is the largest gift yet received by the foundation's "Memorials That Live" program. The Esser family firm, Kutztown Publishing Company of Kutztown, Pa., publishes LUTHERAN MEN.

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Trappe District ULCM of Pennsylvania Ministerium held its first spring rally May 19 at New Hanover Church, New Hanover, Pastor Edgar M. Cooper. Speaker was the Rev. Oscar J. Schlessman. Frank R. Kulp, president of the Ministerium ULCM, offered remarks to the group and district president William C. Miller of St. John's, South Pottstown, presented new-unit charters to New Hanover; St. John's, Phoenixville; and St. John's, Boyertown. Invocation was given by the Rev. Harold L. Hasenauer of St. Matthew's, Chester Springs, who is also district spiritual adviser, and Melvin H. "Teb" Feroe of Transfiguration, Pottstown, served as toastmaster.

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The ULCA Board of Higher Education has made its annual *grants to colleges and seminaries*—next year $183,300 will be shared by 20 institutions, 18 of the ULCA and two of the ALC. Dr. Vernon L. Strempke, longtime associate secretary of the board, has resigned to accept a position at Central Lutheran Theological Seminary, Fremont, Neb.

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Southern Conference ULCM of Illinois Synod has elected Wallace Belin of Trinity, Kirkwood, Mo. as president. He succeeds Clarence Studer who had to resign because of ill health.

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20th annual Lutheran Rally was held by *Canada Synod ULCM* at Edgewood Park, Eden Mills, Ontario, with the main address delivered by the Rev. Donald Stewart of Kitchener. More than 80 persons were in attendance. The Rev. Mark Innes of Welland was in charge of the devotional service; William Heldman of Waterloo supervised the sports program. Canada has scheduled its laymen's retreat for Elim Lodge, Pigeon Lake, September 8-10, with the Rev. Robert Langen of Waterloo and the Rev. Harold Lindeman of Belleville leading the program. Registrar is Sam Weicker, 1 East Avenue, Kitchener.

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Question 7, the film about a German Lutheran pastor in the East Zone, w

elected for showing in the Berlin Film estival this summer. *Davey and Goliath,* JLCA children's TV series now on some 65 stations, was selected to be shown n the Venice Film Festival.

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Indiana Synod ULCM held its recent etreat at Camp Lutherwald under the irection of Pastor Rufus Cornelsen, di- ector of social action for the ULCA oard of Social Missions.

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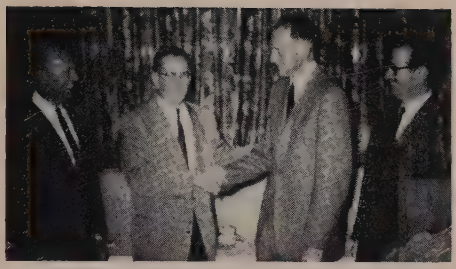
A new United Lutheran Synod of *reat Britain* was formed April 16 in ondon. Elected first chairman was the ev. William B. Schaeffer of London, a LCA pastor who is the Lutheran World ederation's senior representative in the nited Kingdom.

STOR NORMAN BERNER, assistant to president of Canada Synod, receives on half of synod a deed for land adjoining gewood Park, Eden Mills, Ontario, from muel E. Weicker of ULCM. The park w consists of 56 acres, 33 of which were chased by synod's ULCM. Presentation k place April 15 at Canada ULCM con- ntion in Bethesda, Unionville, Pastor hard Tubbe.



TIDEWATER Conference of Virginia Synod ULCM held its convention at Our Redeemer, Petersburg on April 30. Here, newly elected President Cecil L. Umberger of Richmond greets the dinner speaker, the Rev. Jesse S. Hangen of Newport News, who urged the men to work for the "fellowship of God" and to participate in the "world family of Lutheran men." Also in the photo are Howard H. Hunt of Newport News, the new vice president, and Dr. C. H. Ramsey. Other new officers are: Dwight Casterline, Norfolk, secretary; James C. Pugh, Ashland, treasurer; George F. Jorgensen, Norfolk, statistical secretary. Convention hosts were the Rev. L. Allen Wertz, Jr., and Redeemer ULCM President Glen T. Hastings.

Is your ULCM planning now for *fall meetings?* It's not too early. In fact, the summer is a fine time—without all the usual distractions—to build an effective program for the season-to-come. Talk things over with your pastor, find out how your group can help him next year. Study the topic material and check the emphases which ought to be made each month. Then, line up speakers and panelists from among your own membership as well as from the outside. You'll be 'way ahead of the game—and have better meetings, to say nothing of accomplishing more—if you can plan in this way. Remember, for most of us summer is a time for *re-creation.*

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SCOUTING

by E. ARNOLD MAHEY

Troop Camping

"HAVE YOU EVER DREAMED of hiking e wilderness trails that were worn down ider moccasins hundreds of years ago? o you hear in your imagination the al- ost soundless dip, dip, of Indian canoe ddles or the ring of the axe of an early pneer hewing a home out of the Amer- n wilderness?" These are the opening rds of the Boy Scout Handbook, sec- d-best seller in all history.

Boys join Scouting for fun in the out- doors. Every troop chartered by the y Scouts of America, whether in Luth- n churches or other sponsoring groups, mises the boys who join at least ten ys and nights of camping in the out- doors. The constitution of the Boy uts of America states, "that the pur- e of this corporation shall be to pro- te, through organization, and cooper- n with other agencies, the ability of s to do things for themselves and others, to train them in Scoutcraft, and to teach them patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred virtues, . . ." By

LIFE SCOUT Arthur Winsheimer of Troop 109, St. John's Pine Grove, Pa., received the Pro Deo et Patria award recently with his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Winsheimer, present. St. John's pastor is the Rev. George L. Ziegenfus.

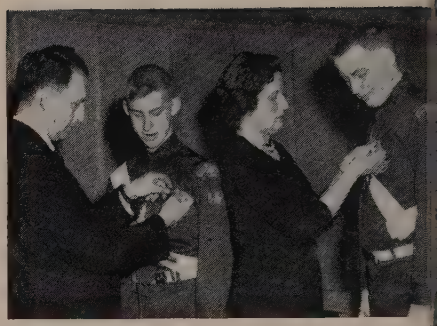
Mr. Mahey is district executive of the stone Area Council, BSA, of Harris- g, Pa.

placing emphasis upon the Scout Oath or Promise and Law for character development, citizenship training, and physical fitness, the volunteer leaders of each troop are able to use adventure in the out-of-doors as a tool to reach these basic needs of boys.

A year-round program of troop camping conducted by each troop is the indispensable ingredient that attracts boys to this fine program. The skills with which the volunteer leaders work with the elected boy leaders in planning and carrying out such a program, determine not only the quality of the troop program, but its boy leadership training values as well.

A good year-round camping program of a troop begins with the conviction on the part of each adult leader that the real values of the Scouting program are gained in the out-of-doors. Each indoor meeting can be made meaningful only as it prepares the troop for an "outing" experience. "Outing," therefore, becomes an indispensable part of Scouting.

Another factor that must not be overlooked is that the patrol method of small groups of boys working together is not *a* way of running a Scout troop but *the* way. Scouts, under adult guidance, must learn to select and follow their own elected boy leaders if they are to learn to live as participating citizens of a democracy. The elected boy leaders, known as the Green Bar Council, learn to make decisions and plans for the troop's activities under the guidance of their commissioned scoutmaster.



PRO DEO et Patria awards were given cently to Richard and Eugene Pierce St. Paul's, Dixon, Ill., Pastor George Curran. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. I mond Pierce, are shown pinning on medals.

The troop committee, made up other adults from the church, must ba up the scoutmaster and the troop adm istratively. That is, they must be in position to know the needs of the tro such as equipment, transportation a finances, and find ways and means meet these needs. The scoutmaster m be free from these administrative det to work closely with the boys in carry out their program.

The troop's year-round camping p gram is usually planned during the mo of August. Starting as soon as sch opens in the fall, regular patrol and tro hikes should be scheduled to take adv tage of good fall weather so that by time winter rolls around, the troop trained and prepared to continue camping and hiking during this col season. Many troops plan at least good weekend camping trip with sc featured activity each month. "Sco

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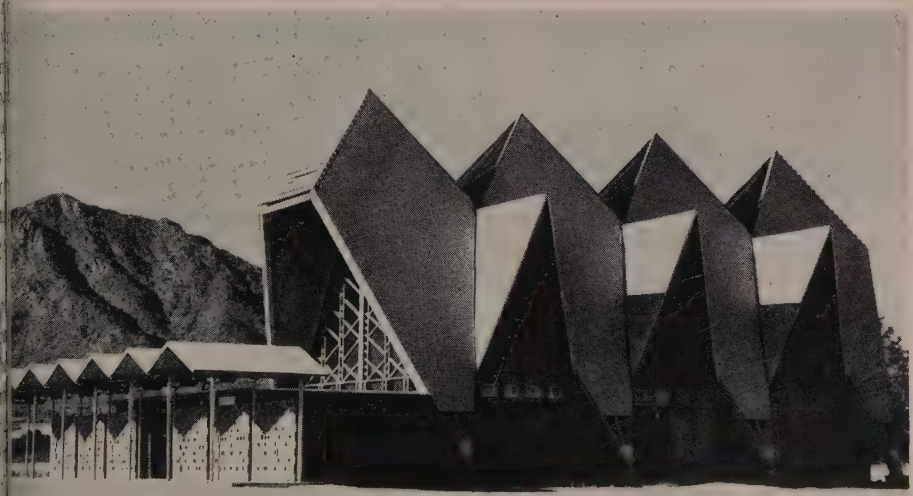
vn" worship services are an important rt of such events.

This year-round camping culminates an eagerly anticipated and long nned-for summer camp experience at camp conducted by the council. Dur- the week or two that the troop is at mmer camp, the scoutmaster and other op leaders will spend more time with troop on a Scouting program than all rest of the year combined. Council mps are conducted for the purpose of engthening the troop leadership by of- ing an opportunity for the scoutmaster be supported, where needed, by ined council camp staff members. The ilities and staff of a council camp— matter how small or large—are usu- far better and more extensive than one troop could offer its boys alone. leed, one of the basic purposes for ming councils originally, was to pro- e such camps for the troops of an area. Never fail to take advantage of this well-planned and inexpensive opportunity for your boys and troops.

MT. CALVARY, Erie, Pa., received its 12th Pro Deo et Patria award on June 4 when it was presented to Lee Mitchell, third from left. Others in the photo are: Louis Porreco, scout executive; Pastor John E. Bermon; Charles Stanford, adviser; Mr. and Mrs. Lesher Mitchell, the winner's parents.



RE'S ONE modern church—Prince of Peace Lutheran, Phoenix, Ariz.—that captures true functional idea of contemporary architecture. In the great outdoors of the thwest, it features open glass and metal construction, with the gabled roof adding he "open to the sky" effect.

Alcohol: For External Use Only?

by CARL F. REUSS

This topic takes a very direct look at the consumption of alcoholic beverages. The emphasis is not upon the alcoholic, though such individuals are not ignored. The concern is rather for the "social" drinker, the "at home" drinker, the "occasional" drinker.

Such questions as these are asked: Does your Christian relationship to God have something to say on this subject? Are there problems involved in even a moderate use of alcoholic beverages?

One cannot help but know, as the following material is read and used, that the author has made his own decision on the use of alcoholic beverages. But he nonetheless maintains that no one "has the right to impose or to compel his choice upon persons who have decided to answer differently."

WERE ALL ALCOHOL used externally, it might cause no problems. Used internally, alcohol can cause distress. Wrecked lives, broken families, lost jobs, and other ills can come from the abuse of alcohol.

Any discussion of alcohol and its use must take into account such results of its abuse as these:

• Over five million Americans, more than three-fourths of them women, are estimated to be alcoholics.

• 55 percent of all highway fatalities during the Christmas holiday period in 1956 involved a driver under the influence of alcohol.

• 71 percent of all arrests of pers
50 years of age or older in Ameri
cities are for drunkenness, drunken d
ing, or violations of liquor laws.

• Up to six percent of all persons v
begin drinking are likely to become
coholics or problem drinkers.

• Americans spent more for alcoh
beverages ($10.5 billion) in 1956 t

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Questions for Discussion

1. How serious is the alcohol problem in your community? What are some local evidences of the problem? Is it becoming more, or less, serious?

2. What goals and emphases should be incorporated into public school programs of alcohol education?

3. Are churches perhaps guilty of confusing rather than of helping people, and thus of intensifying the problems of alcohol? In what ways can congregations and the church bring constructive aid and counsel to dealing with the victims of alcohol?

4. How can a Christian influence the standards and practices governing the sale and drinking of alcoholic beverages without imposing his views on others? On what basis can he hope to gain the cooperation of non-Christians?

Suggestions for a Devotional Service

Hymns: "Before the Lord we bow"
"Where cross the crowded ways of life"
"Where restless crowds are thronging"

Psalm 104

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 8:1-13 and 10:23-11:1

combined total of what they paid for books, magazines, and newspapers contributed to all religious bodies welfare activities.

For every dollar of liquor taxes a collects, it pays out at least $1.50 $7.50 in direct alcohol-caused ex-es, according to Utah, Massachusetts, California studies.

Extent of Drinking

recise figures on how many adult ericans drink alcoholic beverages are available. Gallup polls suggest that ercent of us are drinkers, 40 percent abstainers. They also suggest a down-l trend from 1945, when 67 percent drinkers, to 1958 when 55 percent used alcoholic beverages.

Making no allowances for age or non-drinkers, Americans in 1958 drank a *per person* average of

1.12 gallons of distilled spirits
15.22 gallons of beers, ales, etc.
0.89 gallons of wine.

Back in the pre-World War I era, Americans drank more heavily of distilled spirits and of malt liquors, and less of wine than in 1958. The *per person* average consumption in the 1906-1910 period was as follows:

1.43 gallons of distilled spirits
19.81 gallons of beers, ales, etc.
0.62 gallons of wines.

Despite the generally downward trend, it is obvious that when children and other

non-drinkers are ruled out, the average drinking American drinks a staggering gallonage of alcoholic beverages in a year.

Why Do People Drink?

Many Americans drink because they think it is the proper and expected thing to do. Advertisements make it seem fashionable and "smart" or gracious. Social pressures make it easier to drink than to abstain.

Let's not kid ourselves. Most people who drink do so because they enjoy it. They find that alcohol for them

—quenches thirst and tastes good;
—eases aches and pains and relieves tensions;
—is part of good sociability and companionship.

Others have become victims of alcohol. Some drink in order to escape from facing perplexing problems or making difficult decisions. Some have gone so far down-hill that they can no longer control their drinking. Alcohol has mastered them, making them alcoholics.

It is safe to say that the problem drinker—he who drinks too much for his own good—is an emotionally immature, sick, warped, or maladjusted personality. His excessive drinking is an outer symptom of an inner mental or emotional distress. This point needs to be kept in mind in working with him to overcome his problems. He is not only physically, but also spiritually sick.

Effects of Alcohol

Alcohol is not a stimulant, but an anesthetic. It depresses and desensitizes brain and nerve power. Taken in sufficient quantity, alcohol can kill, as can ether or chloroform.

Alcohol only *seems* to stimulate. Rather, it releases the inhibitions, it lures the moral censor to sleep, it decoys the mi policeman, it blots out feelings of g and inferiority.

The ability to make decisions, power to discern accurately, the capa to respond, and the speed of react time are all affected by alcohol in bloodstream.

A person who over-uses alcohol dangers his nutritional balance. Alc provides calories, but not the vitamin minerals a person needs for a balan diet.

The obviously drunk person usuall less of a hazard to other persons tha a person under the influence of alc but not intoxicated. The latter typic feels "sharp" and confident and bru off questions about his clearheaded In an auto, motor, and machine civil tion the person somewhat under the fluence of alcohol may be a gre menace than the person who is obvio drunk.

Controls Required

Americans have accepted governm tal controls over alcoholic beverage being necessary for the public health safety and the general welfare of community. They control the alcoh beverage industry—and tax it—far m heavily than they do other businesse industries.

The high profits which reasonably be expected from liquor outlets, and many laws and regulations governing liquor business open doors for graft, lusion, and underworld manipulat This is a danger which only an infor and alert citizenry can prevent.

It is widely felt that governmental trols over the alcoholic beverage in try should:

(a) permit local option by whic titudes widely shared in a partic

community may govern the sale and public consumption of alcoholic beverages in that locality;

(b) enforce sound laws regarding issuance of liquor licenses, regulation of hours and days of sale, and prevention of sales to minors or intoxicated persons;

(c) appropriate from general tax revenues adequate sums for the handling and rehabilitation of alcoholics and the relief of their families;

(d) eliminate provisions by which "private clubs" actually open to a large public can operate under a cloak of hypocrisy;

(e) regulate false and misleading advertising of alcoholic beverages;

(f) protect the rights of persons opposed to the use of alcohol as much as those of persons who wish alcoholic beverages.

Other attacks on the problems associ- d with alcohol must focus on different gets. Poor housing, inadequate recrea- nal facilities, destructive use of leisure e, broken or unstable homes, unem- yment, exaggerated and unrealistic terial wants, tensions associated with rking conditions—these are factors al- which contribute to the readiness to and to abuse alcohol.

lical Perspectives

As Christians, we seek God's counsel revealed through his Word in order form our own attitudes toward the hol question. The trouble is that dif- nt people read his Word differently. at follows, we believe, is consistent h a responsible Lutheran position even ugh not all Lutherans would agree h these conclusions.

Use of alcohol is scriptural. Heroes of h Old and New Testament used alco- c beverages. Jesus turned water into

MICHELANGELO'S Bible paintings from the Vatican's Sistine Chapel are the subject of a new series of Italian postage stamps issued for regular use. The master's inspirational figures are: 25 lire, Isaiah; 40 lire, Daniel; 70 lire, Zechariah; 85 lire, Jonah; 90 lire, Jeremiah; 100 lire, Ezekiel; 500 lire, Adam; 1000 lire, Eve.

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wine. Critics called him a winebibber. Wine was called for in Old Testament sacrifices and Jesus used wine in instituting the Lord's Supper.

Voluntary abstinence also is scriptural. Out of personal preference, in view of offices one holds, in consideration for a weaker brother, or in a sense of dedication to the Lord one can voluntarily abstain from alcoholic beverages. To drink

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—or to abstain—can be a Christian decision.

Drunkenness, without doubt, is denounced in Scripture. Again and again drunkards and drunkenness are listed as sinners and a sin. Scripture warns, too, of the dangers involved in intemperate use of alcohol. Clearly, abuse of alcohol is sinful, contrary to the spirit of Christ.

A fallen or straying brother becomes the object of concern by others of the household of faith. When he learns of their sympathetic understanding and help, the fact that with them he is a member of the "communion of saints" takes on a newer, richer, fuller meaning for him.

Wealth, property, and possessions are given by God to be used for beneficial purposes. However any of us use our time, energies, resources and funds is a matter for which we are accountable to God as stewards of his gifts entrusted to our care.

Love for neighbor gives the Christian a responsibility for community well-being. It causes him to work both to eliminate harmful conditions which cause h and distress and to bring about positi wholesome influences for commu good.

These are among perspectives wh Scripture gives us for looking at the cohol question. Positive notes taking orable views of alcoholic beverages be found in such passages as Gen 27:28; Psalm 104:14, 15; Exodus 29: 40; Proverbs 31:6, 7; Ecclesiastes 10: and St. Matthew 26:26-29. Warnings given in such passages as Proverbs 2

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3:20, 21; and 31:4, 5; and in Galatians :21; Ephesians 5:18; and 1 Corinthians :10. Proverbs 23:29-35 vividly pictures hat is known as a "hangover." Many her passages could be cited to illustrate riptural views relevant to the alcohol iestion.

eciding One's Own Course

In the last analysis the decision of hether to drink or to abstain from alholic beverages is a personal one made ider the influence of family and friends, cial customs and pressures, and one's ligious faith. One can drink or one can stain, for the right reasons or perhaps en for the wrong reasons, and still be Christian.

A person's final decision is made in ht of his training, his experience, his nscience, and his sense of total stewardip and accountability to God. Having ade up his mind, no matter which way, has no right to impose or to compel choice upon persons who have deled to answer differently.

Three factors may be especially pertint to a Christian deciding his own urse regarding alcoholic beverage. One financial, a second is health, the third religious. Such questions as these reire answers:

Alcoholic beverages are costly in America. How does money spent for alcohol compare with benefits from other uses to which that same amount of money might be put? Do other calls upon the purse permit the luxury of liquor?

Does a person have present or probable weaknesses of body—or known hereditary defects—and what is the effect of alcohol upon them?

What does his Lord ask of him? How does he believe his Lord wants him to answer the alcohol question?

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Once a person has answered these questions clearly and consistently for himself, he is on the road to a sure decision. No matter what the pressures, the comments, or even the taunts and slurs of those around him, he will be free and strong in maintaining his own self-accepted standards. Advertising, the temptation to "follow the crowd," and other pressures will not deter or sway him for what he believes is right for him.

If a person decides in favor of drinking, he has another series of issues to decide. He must decide when, where, and under what circumstances drinking is acceptable. To drink at home with close friends or family is one thing; to drink in a public place may be something entirely different.

There are times when a Christian, convinced of his right to drink, refrains. He refrains—lest he cause offense, lest he weaken his Christian witness, lest he disregard the honest convictions of his companions, lest he lead a known alcoholic astray, or lest he endanger persons or property because of an alcohol-blurred impairment of his faculties at the wheel, the assembly line, the machine, or elsewhere.

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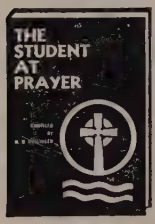

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The Christian who drinks alcoholic beverages must discipline himself. He must maintain his self-control as an example of a man who has his body subject to him. *Moderation* for him refers not so much to the quantity of what he drinks as the quality of his attitudes and behavior. His task is to demonstrate that a Christian can be mature and responsible in his use of alcoholic beverages. His Christian freedom imposes obligations upon him.

It is not fair to reason that because wine was used in Jesus' day it therefore is perfectly proper today. Americans today have water, milk, coffee, tea, unfermented fruit drinks, and carbonated beverages, controlled according to sanitary standards, to provide liquids needed by the body. Where such beverages are not available, or their purity is questionable, alcoholic beverages indeed may be the safest liquids to drink. Rarely, howev do we need them for the fluids they p vide for bodily health.

Many an earnest Christian, viewing t contemporary American scene, the fa on the alcohol question as he sees the and the effects and hazards which drinking causes other people, will deci in favor of abstinence. He knows th abstinence cannot be commanded as scriptural mandate. He believes, howev that voluntary abstinence can be co mended as a spiritual discipline. makes his decision—for himself and f for others—in the spirit of St. Paul, w was inspired to write, "All things are la ful, but not all things are helpful" Corinthians 10:23).

Suggestions for the Leader

This topic is one on which most peo have more feelings than facts. Therefo assign persons to get together some *facts* background for greater understanding. F example:

Ask the police department or sheri office how many arrests there were in t city or county in 1960 for drunkenne operating a motor vehicle while intoxicat and violations of liquor laws. Is it true th the majority of persons 35 and older w are arrested are charged with one of th three offenses?

Find out from the county attorney presiding judge how much it costs to arre jail, and try a person for drunkenness. C culate the total costs for one year.

Talk with a divorce court judge and w child welfare department or family serv society personnel to get their estimate how important alcohol is as a factor family breakdowns, adultery, and ille timacy.

How many taverns, stores, restaura etc., in your county are licensed to s beer, wine, and hard liquor? How does t number compare with the number of groce stores, filling stations, and churches? (Che with state tax commission, local council

hurches or ministerial alliance, or chamer of commerce.)

What are your laws governing hours and onditions of sale, requirements for a liquor cense, allocations of taxes from alcoholic everages, and "local option" possibilities? Check with your secretary of state.)

For one week count how many times you ere exposed to invitations to use beer, ine, and hard liquor. (Count radio, TV, ewspaper, and magazine ads, billboards, iow-window displays, and invitations by ompanions or hosts.)

Armed with these and other facts, you an have an eye-opening meeting. A panel scussion of the topic would perhaps be est. (Perhaps your factfinding expeditions ill suggest panel members.) Consider as anel members a policeman, a welfare orker, a judge or attorney, a medical doctor, a personnel director, a member of Alcoholics Anonymous, a tavern proprietor, nd others who have some special "knowow" or "know-what" on the alcohol question.

Or, you may prefer to concentrate on one ecific subject, for example, "Alcohol, Automobiles, and Highway Safety." Perhaps e police chemist could give a good lecture, llowed by a question and discussion riod.

If you have competent, understanding ople who will play roles seriously (rather an as comics), you might show how a ained person deals with an alcoholic who frequently late to or absent from work, st losing his friends, and desirous of help. rhaps your local Alcoholics Anonymous apter or your Lutheran Welfare Society n help with such a program.

The topic is big. Decide whether you're ing to (1) concentrate on one small subpic; (2) provide a broad background of cts and understanding; (3) emphasize the oblems involved or the helps possible; or) help the members make up their minds their own use or non-use of alcoholic verages.

In any event, *allow for discussion.*

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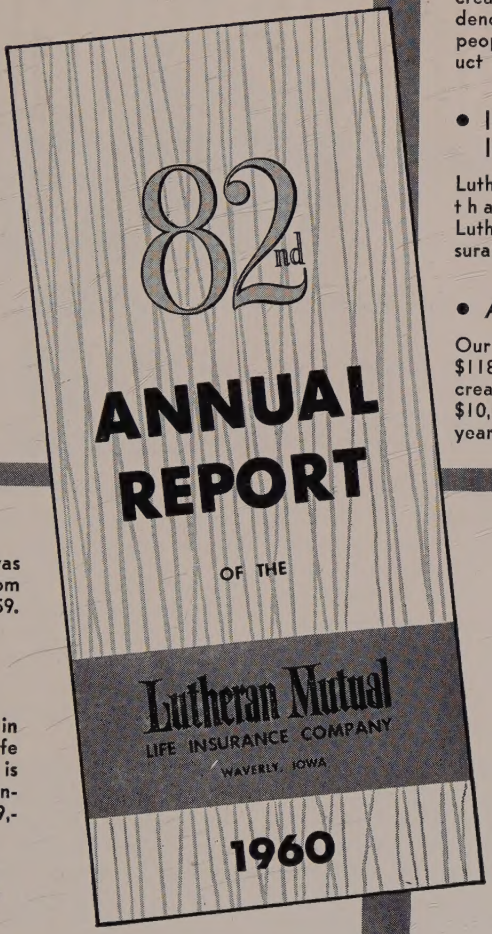

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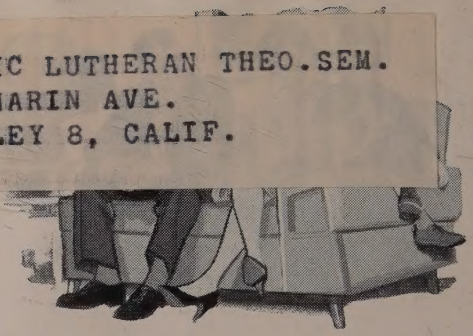

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